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President's Foreign Intelligence
  Advisory Board
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Wheaton:

Per our discussion, I want to fill you in further on the discussion at USIB on June 13 of the question of exchange visitors from the Soviet Union and Bloc states, and their relationship with intelligence interests. An Ad Hoc Intelligence Group on Exchanges (IGE, under the chairmanship of [   ], did an excellent preliminary study of the subject. His report, which is being sent to you under separate cover with the minutes of the USIB meeting, was the focal point of consideration.

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As you are aware, a wide variety of interests are involved in such exchanges, as well as overlaps with domestic commercial and internal security questions. The USIB discussion revealed a clear need for developing a better appreciation of all these other involvements before attempting to decide how the intelligence community can best serve those responsible for the problem and/or determine adequacy of exploitation. The IGE has therefore been asked to continue its work, primarily to compile a list of all the mechanisms of government involved in such exchanges, and a review of the interests and functions of each. From this report, the Director, with the advise of USIB, will again focus on the best role for intelligence.

The USIB Secretariat will forward the relevant documents to you as soon as the Minutes have been approved. Knowing of PFIAB's concern on the subject, I felt sure [   ] work would be of special interest.

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Sincerely,

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